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The Honorable Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *GN Docket No. 13-5, Technology Transitions; GN Docket No. 12-353, AT&T Petition to Launch a Proceeding Concerning the TDM-to-IP Transition*

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I am the Executive Director of the Children's Trust. We are a nonprofit organization in Massachusetts that funds and manages parenting support programs. Our programs help families raise physically and emotionally healthy children who are ready to succeed. Our ability to provide such meaningful support to children and families depends, in part, upon our administrative capabilities and our ability to operate efficiently within our budget.

We are a customer that uses a competitive carrier for our voice and data services. As a competitor in the Massachusetts market, our carrier is able to provide us with the individualized services and support, and the best overall value. It is crucial to our nonprofit firm and, presumably, to other nonprofits similar to us and other small to medium sized businesses across the Commonwealth, that competitive-carriers continue to provide us with a choice we otherwise might not have or might not be suitable to our needs.

As the FCC works to develop and administer public policy in the IP transition, we applaud efforts now underway to consider how vital entities like ours do not lose their ability to rely on competitive alternatives in the telecommunications market. It is our hope that the Commission will act in the near term to ensure that incumbents do not diminish wholesale access needed to make it economically feasible for competitors to establish last-mile connections.

By taking such steps, the Commission can best ensure that competition – and the innovation, improved services, and lower prices that flow from that competition – will continue for businesses, government entities, and nonprofits like ours.

Sincerely,

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